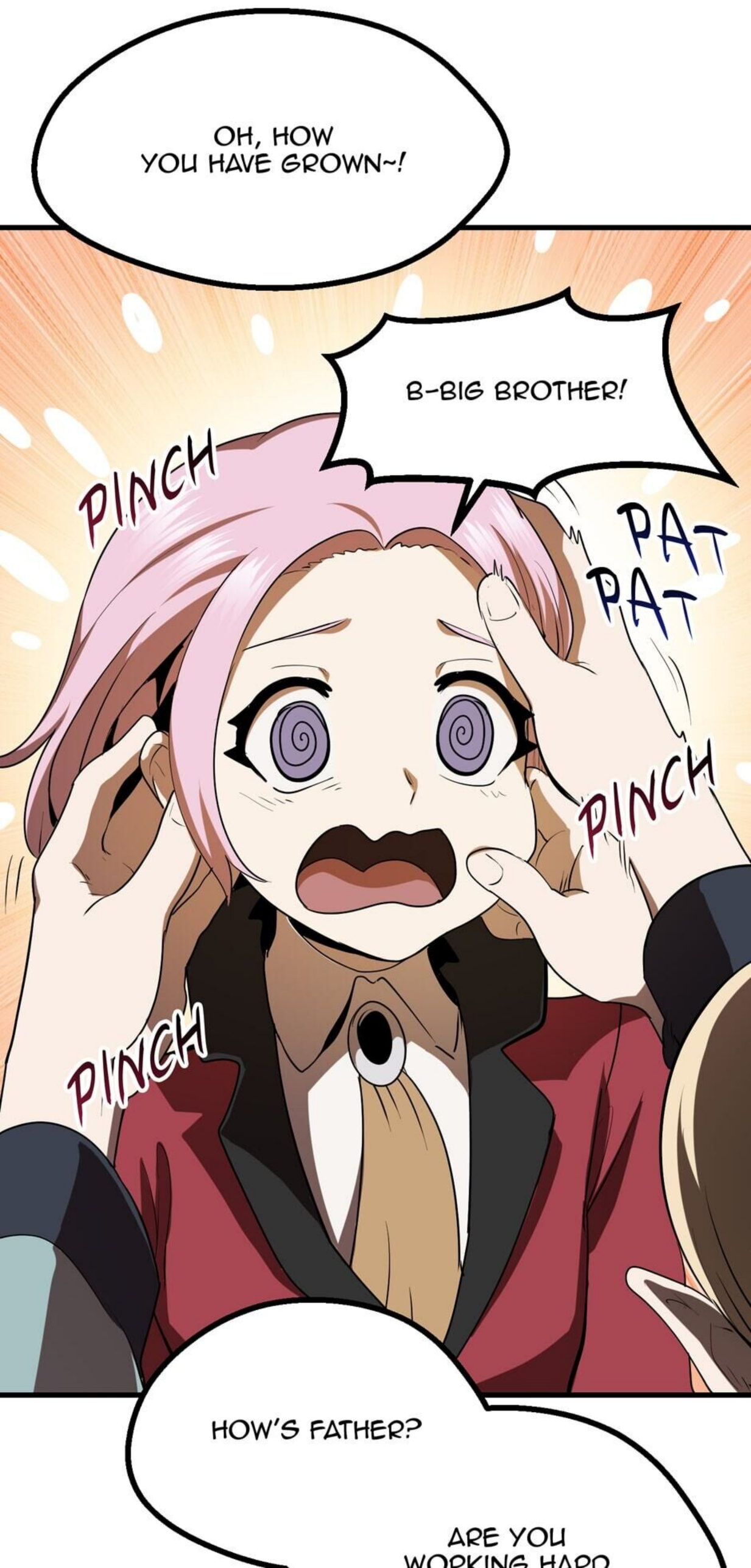
ARE YOU...

...RAONDEL?
RAONDEL!!

HUG


OH, HOW YOU HAVE GROWN~!
B-BIG BROTHER!
PINCH
PAT PAT
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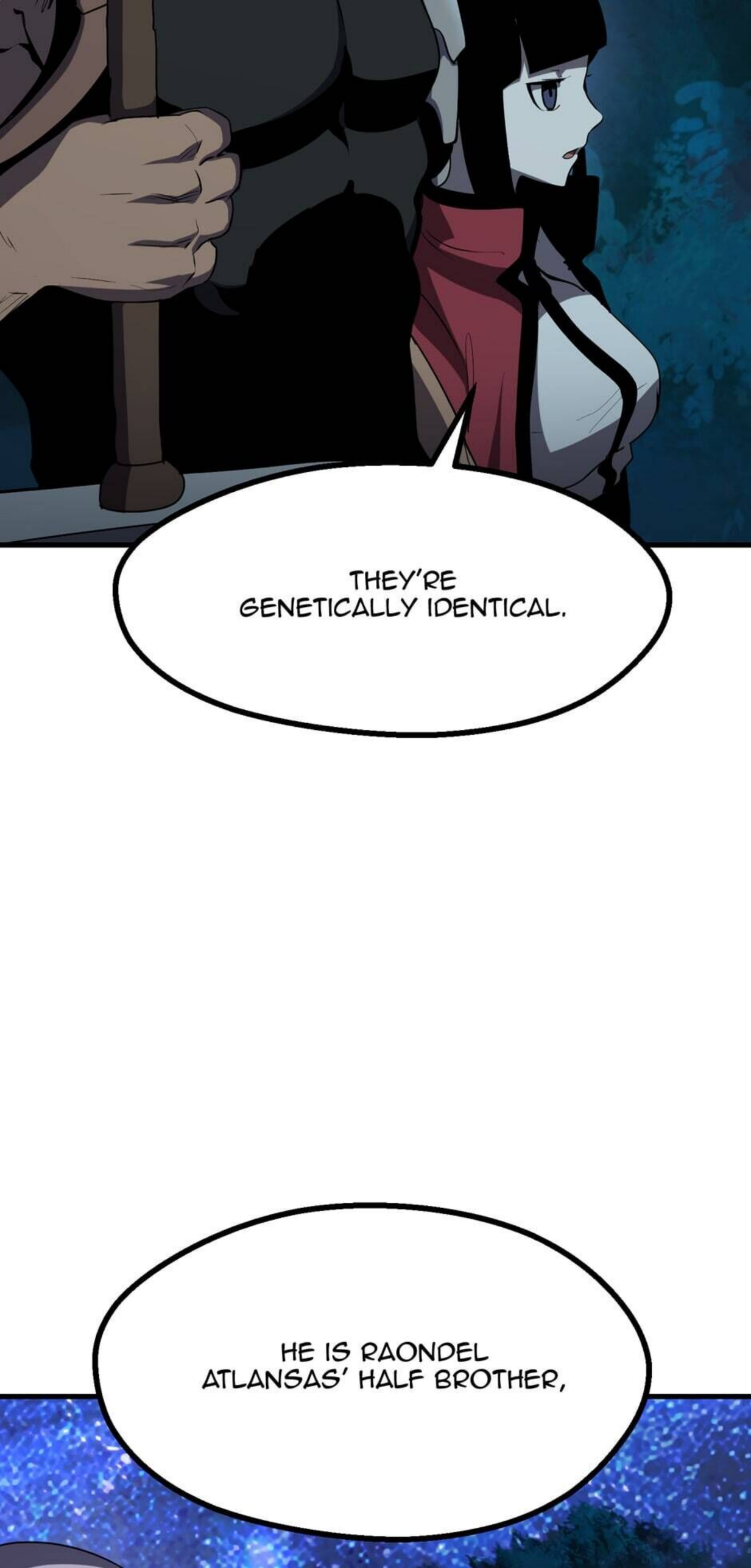
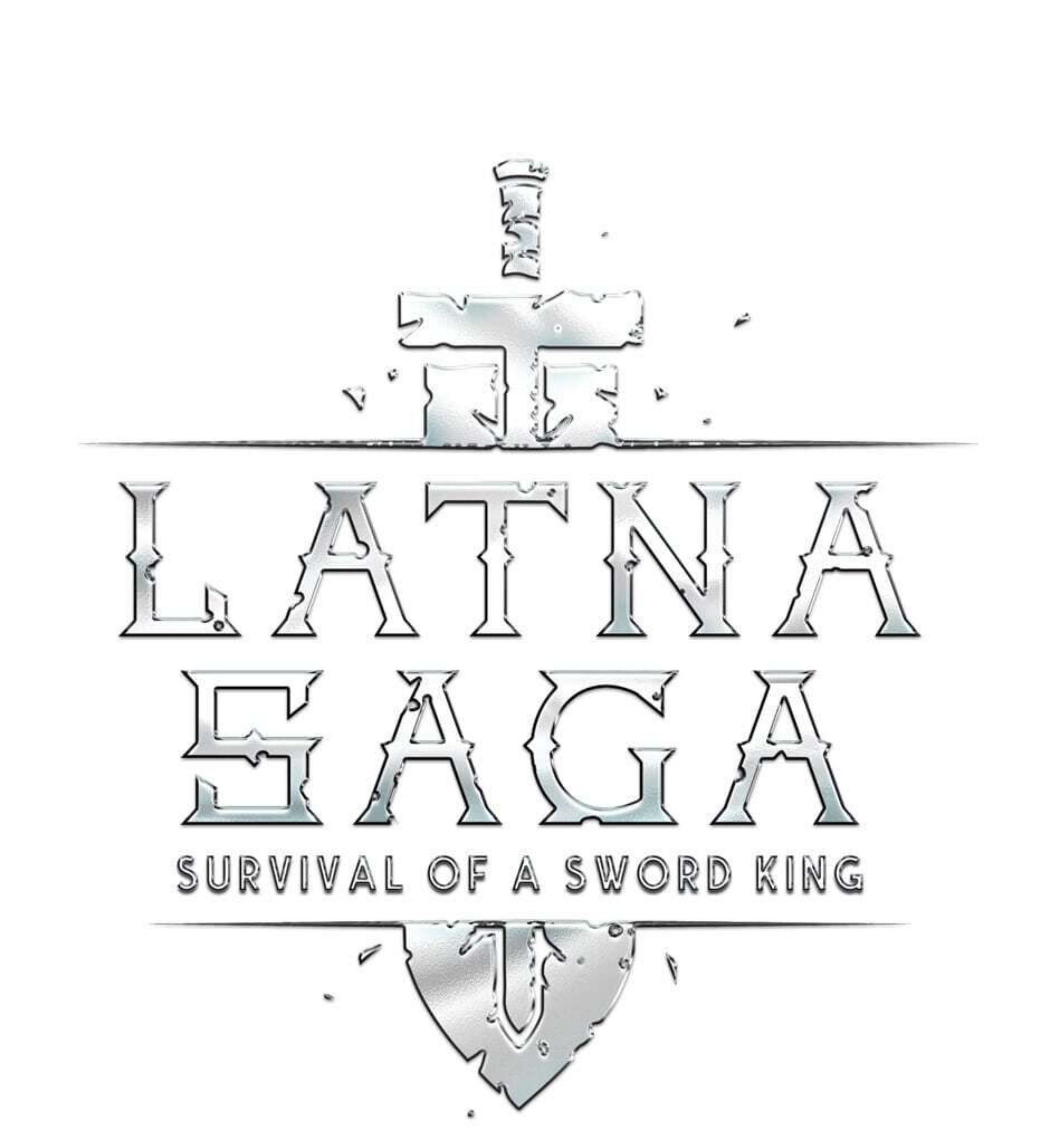
PINCH
HOW'S FATHER?
ARE YOU WORKING HARD

WORKING HARD AT PRINCE TRAINING? IS THERE ANYONE BOTHERING YOU?


THEY'RE GENETICALLY IDENTICAL.
HE IS RAONDEL ATLANSAS' HALF BROTHER,

AND THE CROWN PRINCE'S TWIN.



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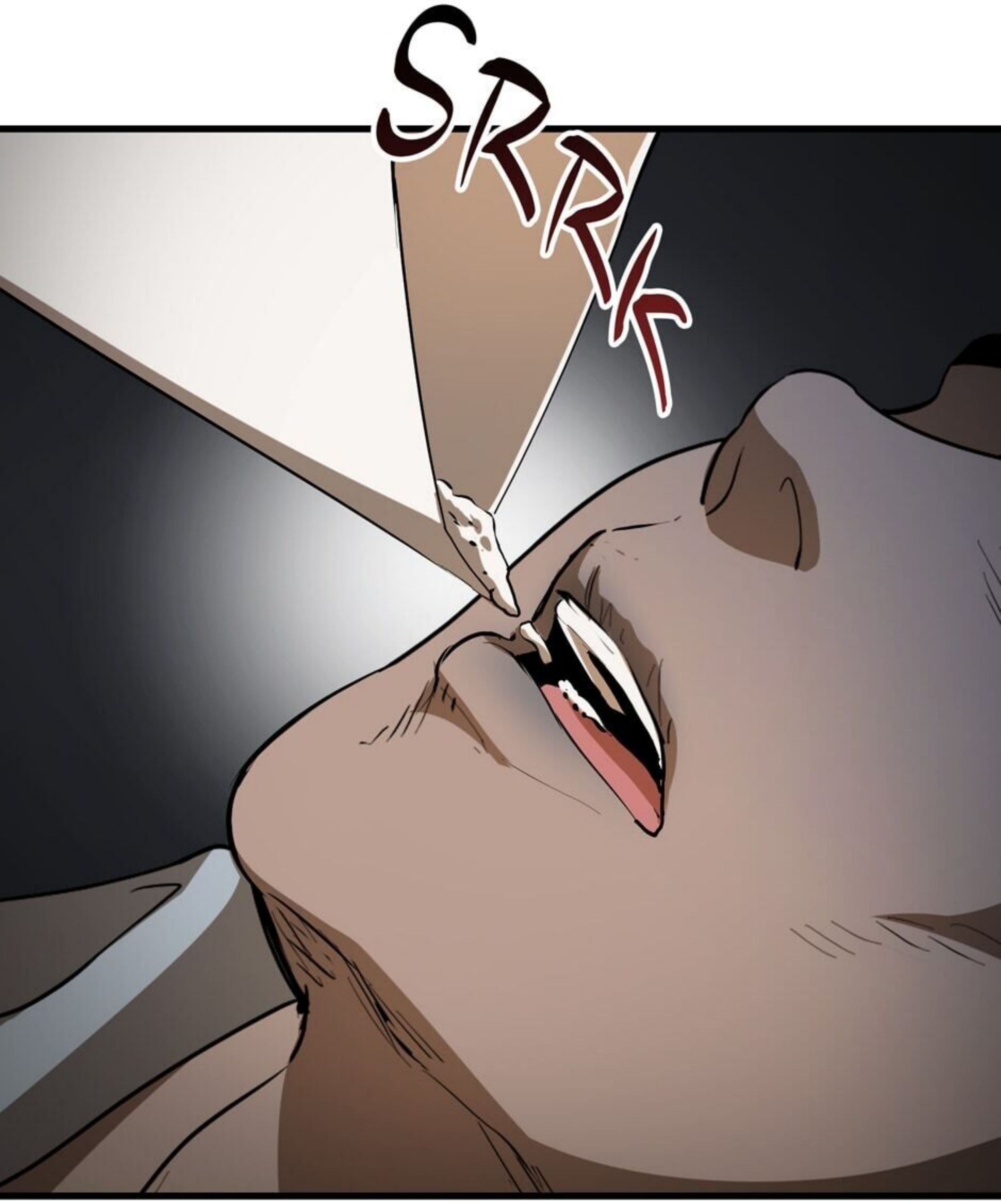
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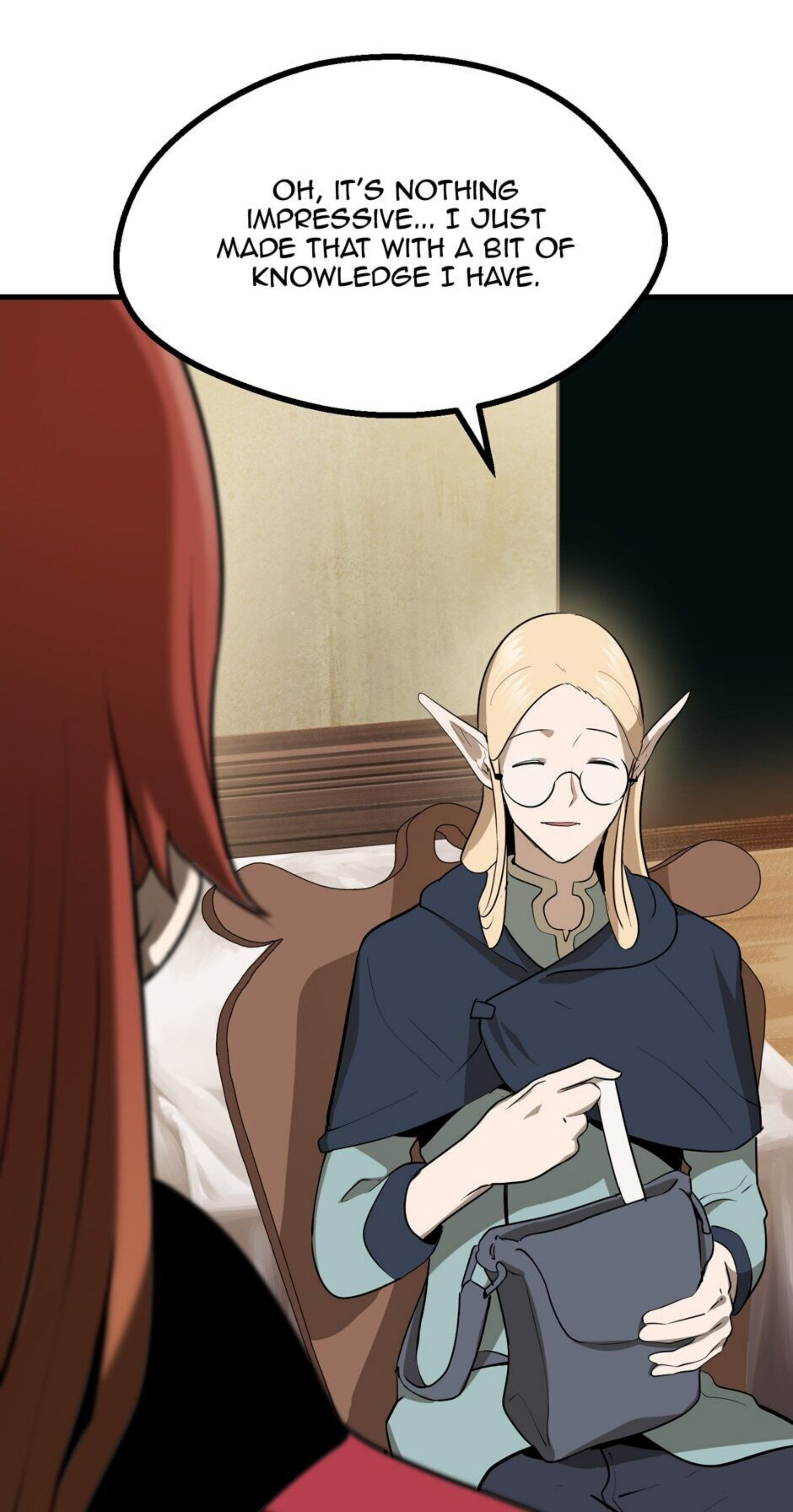
MEDICINE WITHOUT ANY HEALING SPELLS CAN MAKE *THAT* MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE...?

HIS COMPLEXION'S COMING BACK! I'M SO GLAD WE TOOK THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING HIM HERE...


OH, IT'S NOTHING IMPRESSIVE... I JUST MADE THAT WITH A BIT OF KNOWLEDGE I HAVE.

I'M THE ONLY WIZARD IN TOWN, SO I'VE BEEN THE DOCTOR HERE BY DEFAULT.

BUT QUITE HONESTLY, I'M STARTING TO BE OVERWHELMED SINCE I'M DEALING WITH ALL THE PATIENTS HERE ALONE.

THERE ARE MANY MORE OF THEM QUARANTINED IN THEIR OWN HOMES.
I KNOW IT'S SHAMELESS TO ASK FOR MY FAMILY'S HELP, BUT...

I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D SEND YOU IN MY WILDEST DREAMS, RAONDEL!

I'M SURE FATHER WOULD'VE SENT MORE SUPPORT HAD HE KNOWN THAT YOU WERE HERE!
I'VE BEEN CAST OUT OF THE KINGDOM.

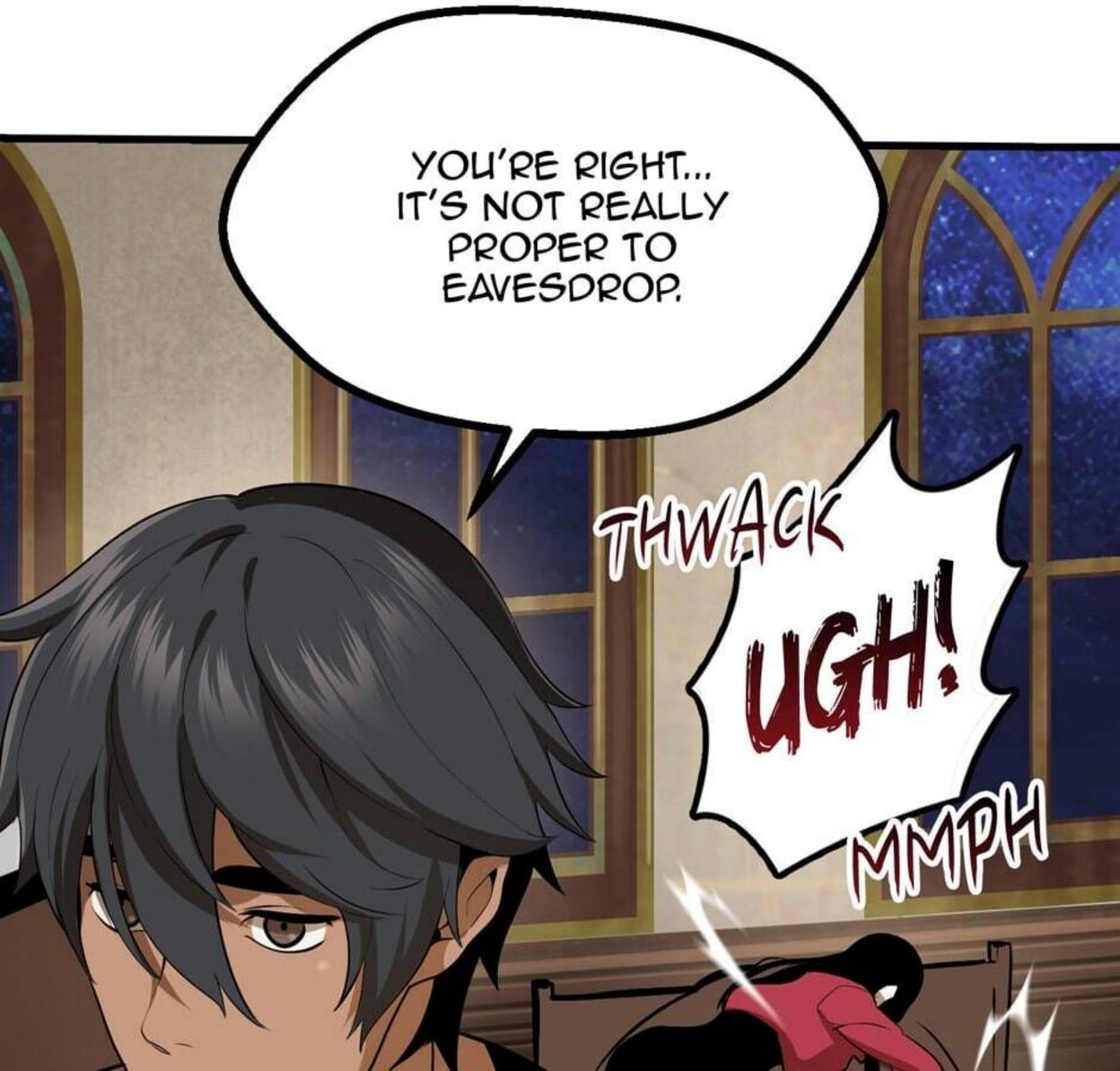
I DIDN'T WANT THIS TOWN TO SUFFER FOR LETTING ME HIDE OUT HERE.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO...
BUT I'M SURE FATHER'S ALREADY FORGIVEN YOU.

WHY? IT'S JUST ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING...

CAN'T YOU SEE THEY HAVE SOME FAMILY MATTERS TO DISCUSS?

I'M SURE THEY, AS BROTHERS, HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING TO DO.

WE SHOULD RESPECT THEIR PRIVACY AND GIVE THEM SPACE.



AGH!
AARGH!
SQUISH
SLRK
GASP

SQUEEZE
ACK!

HE'S A PATIENT—WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HIM?!
KIBIER?!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

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WH-WHAT THE HELL'S *THAT?!*

LOOK CLOSELY.

IS THAT...
SQUIRM

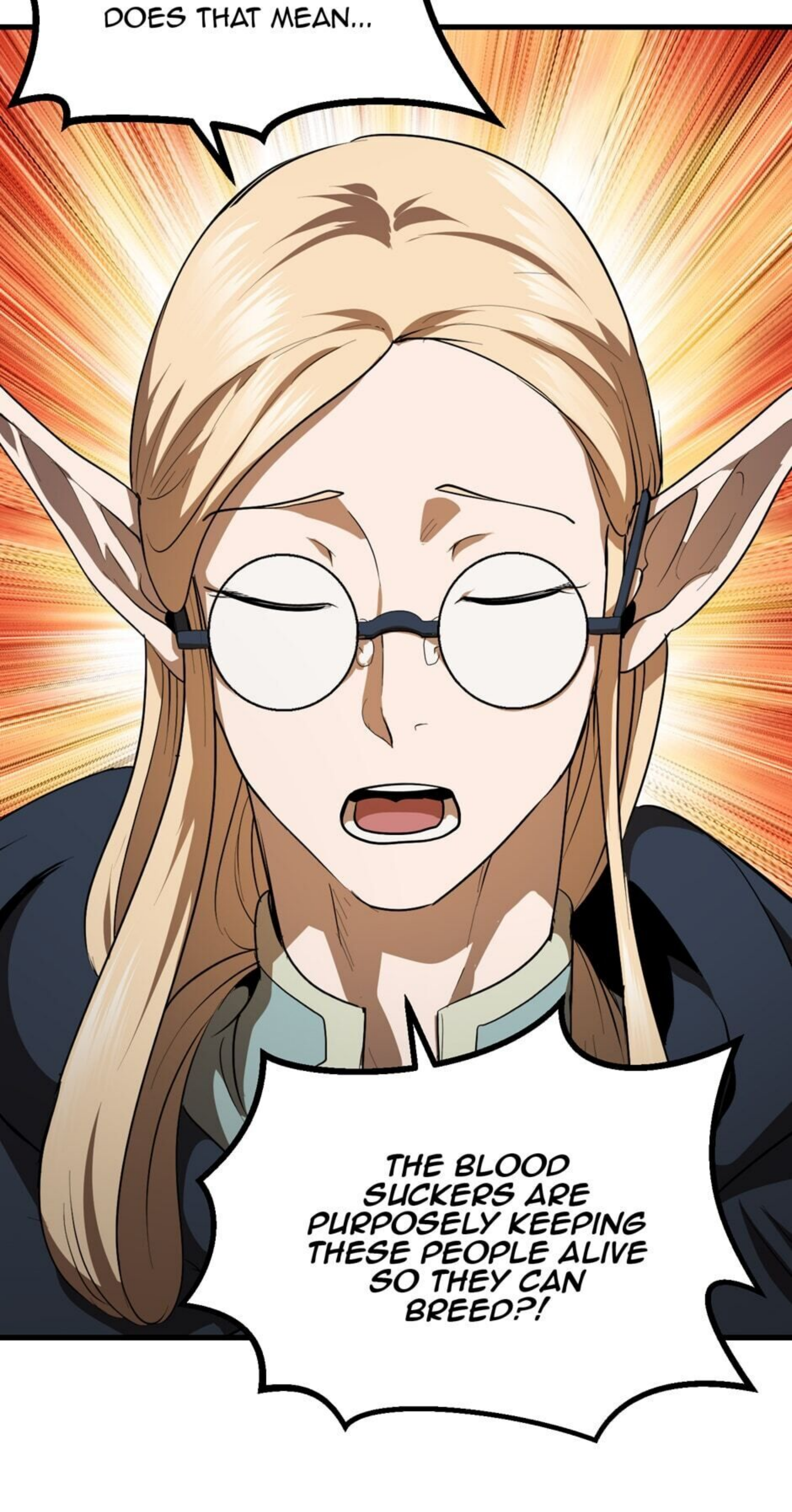
A BLOOD SUCKER'S LARVA?

EVEN A PERSON WHO GOT THEIR ENERGY TAKEN AWAY BY A BLOOD SUCKER...

CAN BE HEALED AFTER PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION.

BUT THE REASON THIS MANY PATIENTS ARE NOT RECOVERING...

...IS BECAUSE THESE LARVAE ARE INSIDE THEIR BODIES LIKE PARASITES.


DOES THAT MEAN...
THE BLOOD SUCKERS ARE PURPOSELY KEEPING THESE PEOPLE ALIVE SO THEY CAN BREED?!

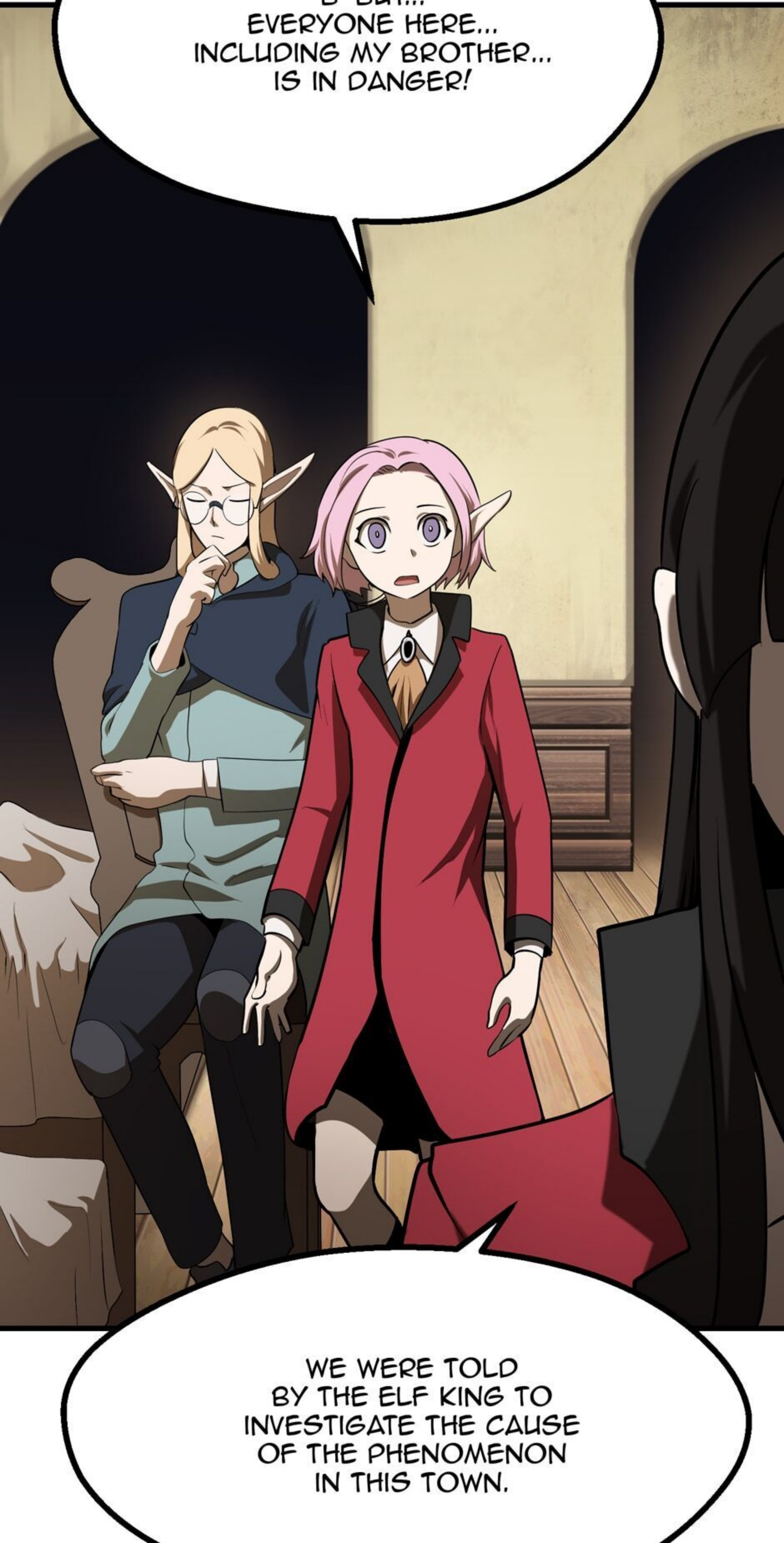
THE DUNGEON MONSTERS' ONLY DESIRE IS TO KILL...

THEY JUST FORM INSIDE DUNGEONS WITHOUT NEEDING TO BREED, DON'T THEY?
DOESN'T THIS MEAN...

THAT THEY'RE BREEDING AND GROWING IN NUMBER HERE AS WE SPEAK?!

OUR MISSION'S ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS TO GO BACK AND REPORT WHAT WE'VE FOUND.


EVERYONE HERE...
INCLUDING MY BROTHER...
IS IN DANGER!
WE WERE TOLD
BY THE ELF KING TO
INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE
OF THE PHENOMENON
IN THIS TOWN.

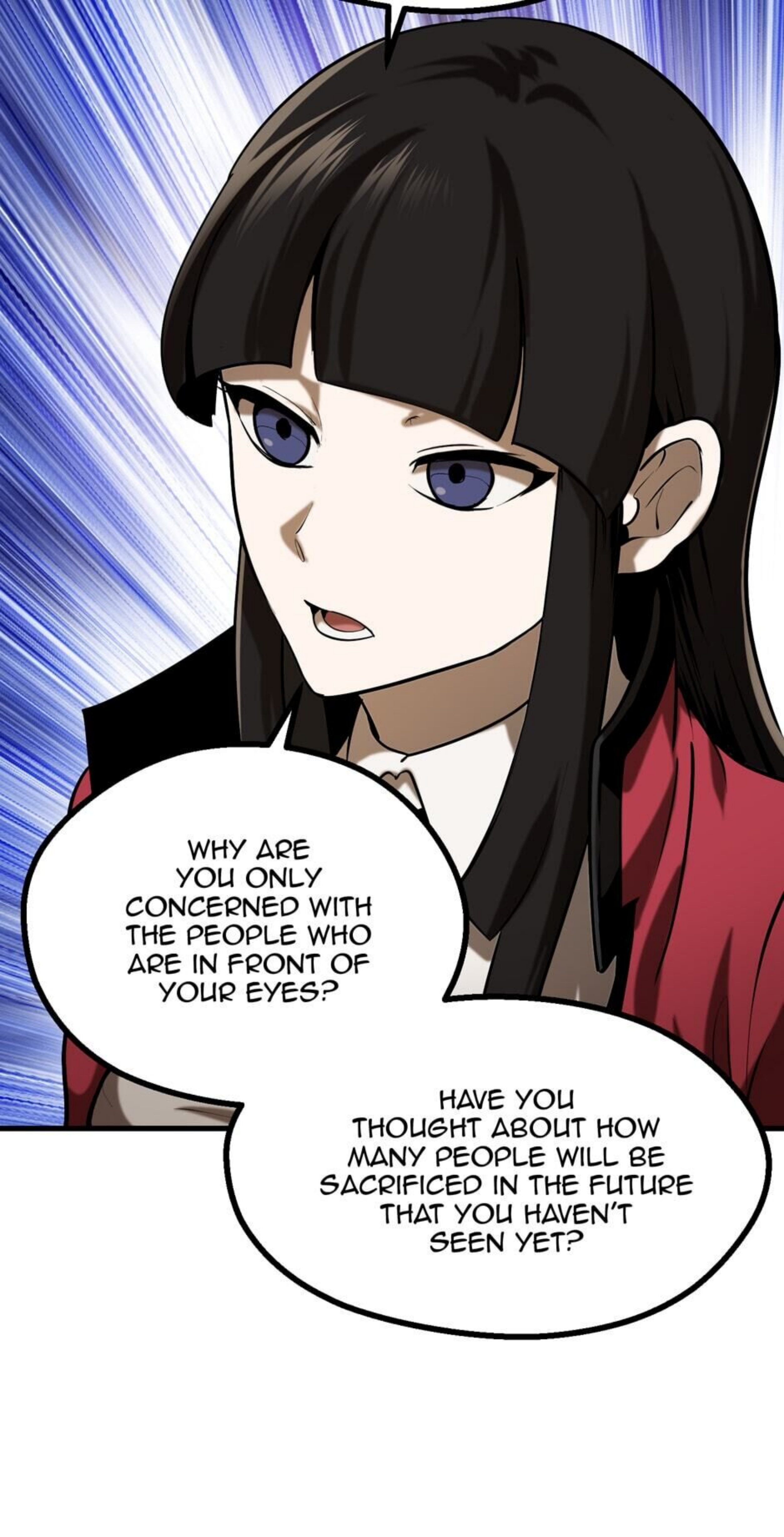
RESOLVING IT WASN'T A PART OF THE MISSION.
TUP

THAT'S ENOUGH.

IS THAT ALL YOU CARE ABOUT? EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN MIGHT GET WIPED OUT SOON!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE?!

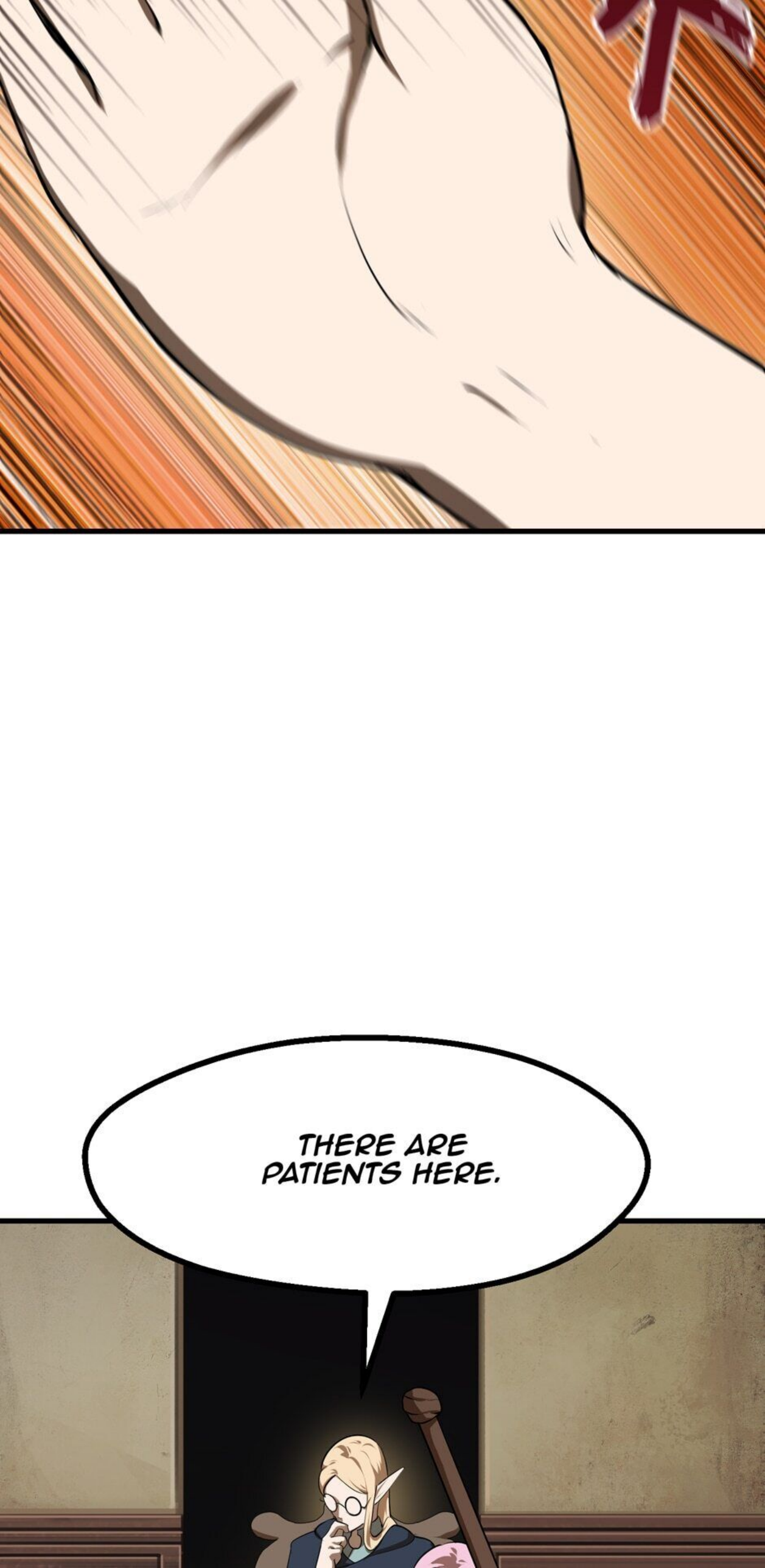
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEING IRRESPONSIBLE.


WHY ARE YOU ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES?
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE SACRIFICED IN THE FUTURE THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET?

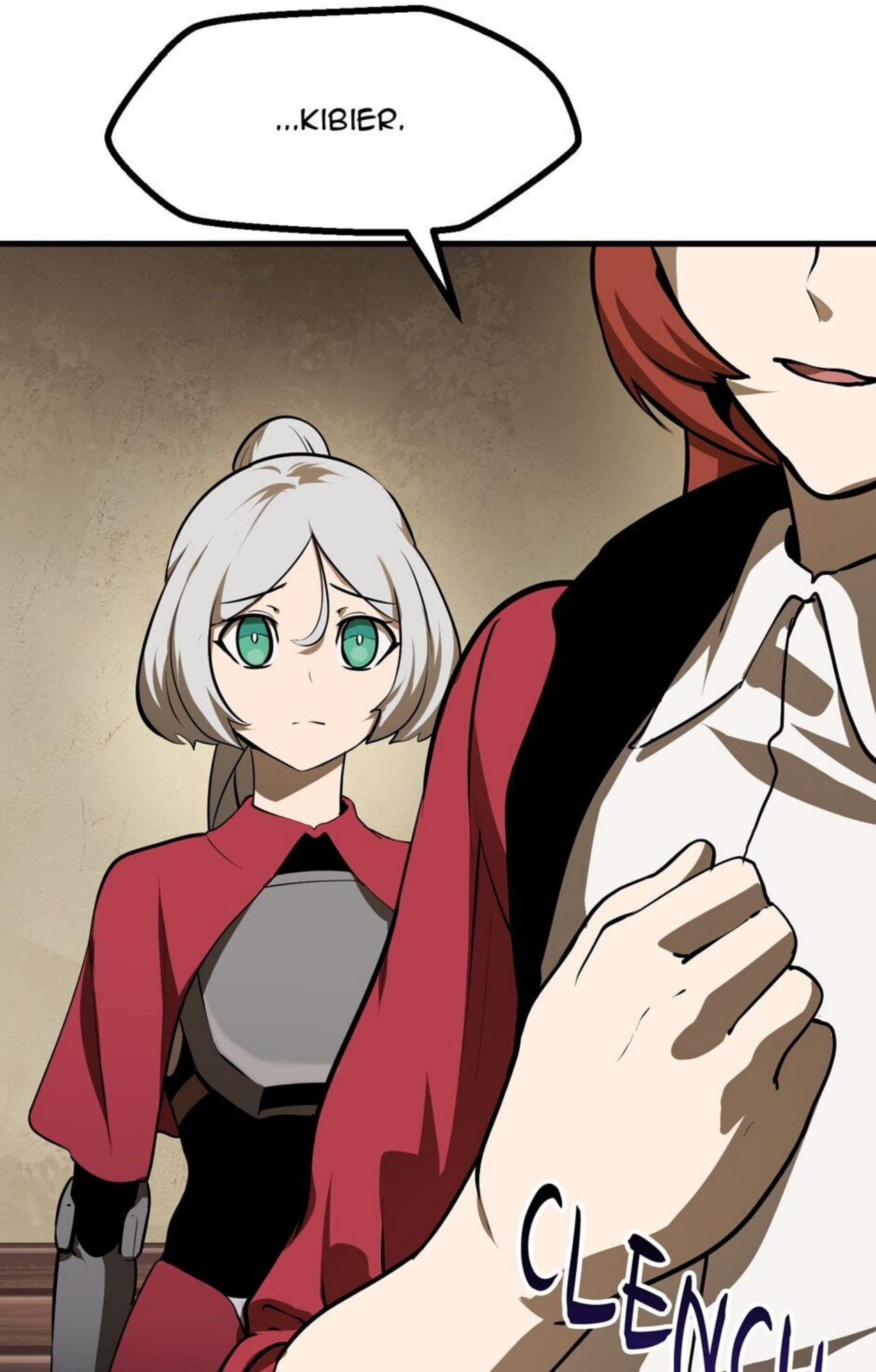
DID YOU
ALREADY FORGET...

...HOW MANY INNOCENT LIVES WERE LOST BECAUSE OF JUST ONE PERSON THAT YOU DECIDED TO SAVE?

AND YOU ENDED UP HAVING THAT ONE PERSON DIE IN THE END! HOW IRRESPONSIBLE IS—
SHWOOK

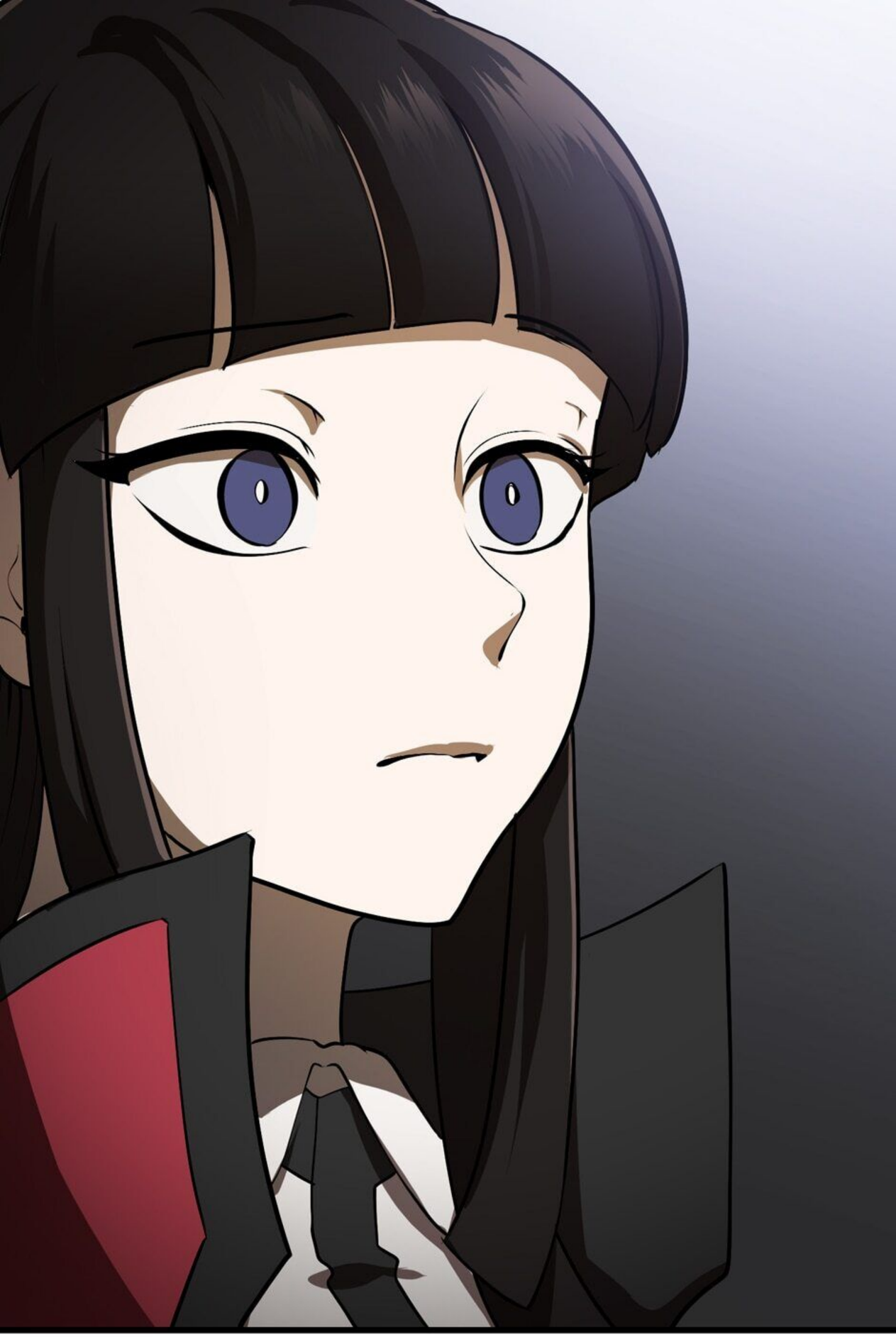

THERE ARE PATIENTS HERE.

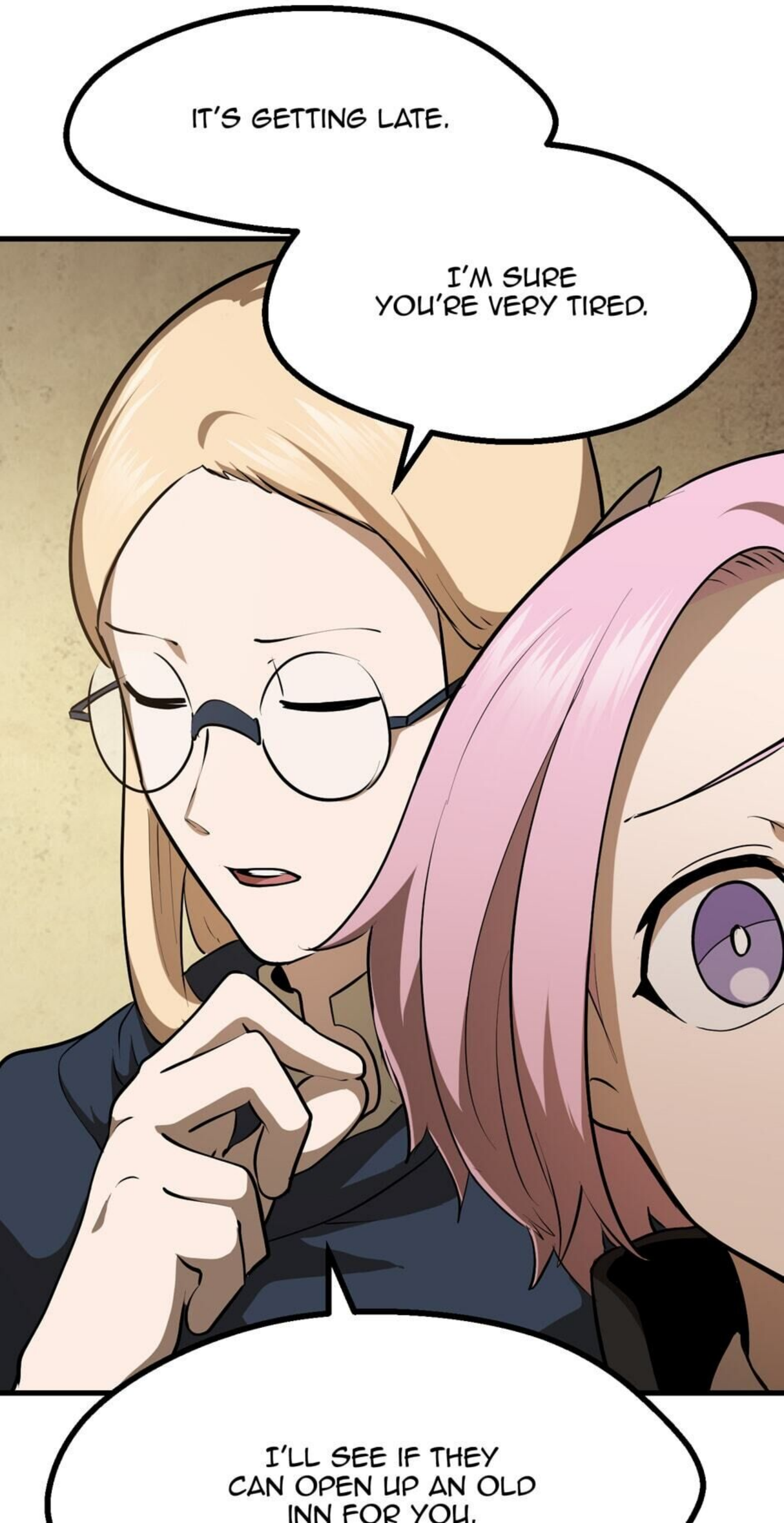
PAUSE


...KIBIER.
CLENCH

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED,
BUT SOMETIMES, THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION CAN CAUSE THE WORST POSSIBLE RESULT UNINTENTIONALLY.

IF YOU'VE NEVER FELT THE PAIN OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BEAR THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY...
...PLEASE DO NOT SPEAK SO LIGHTLY.



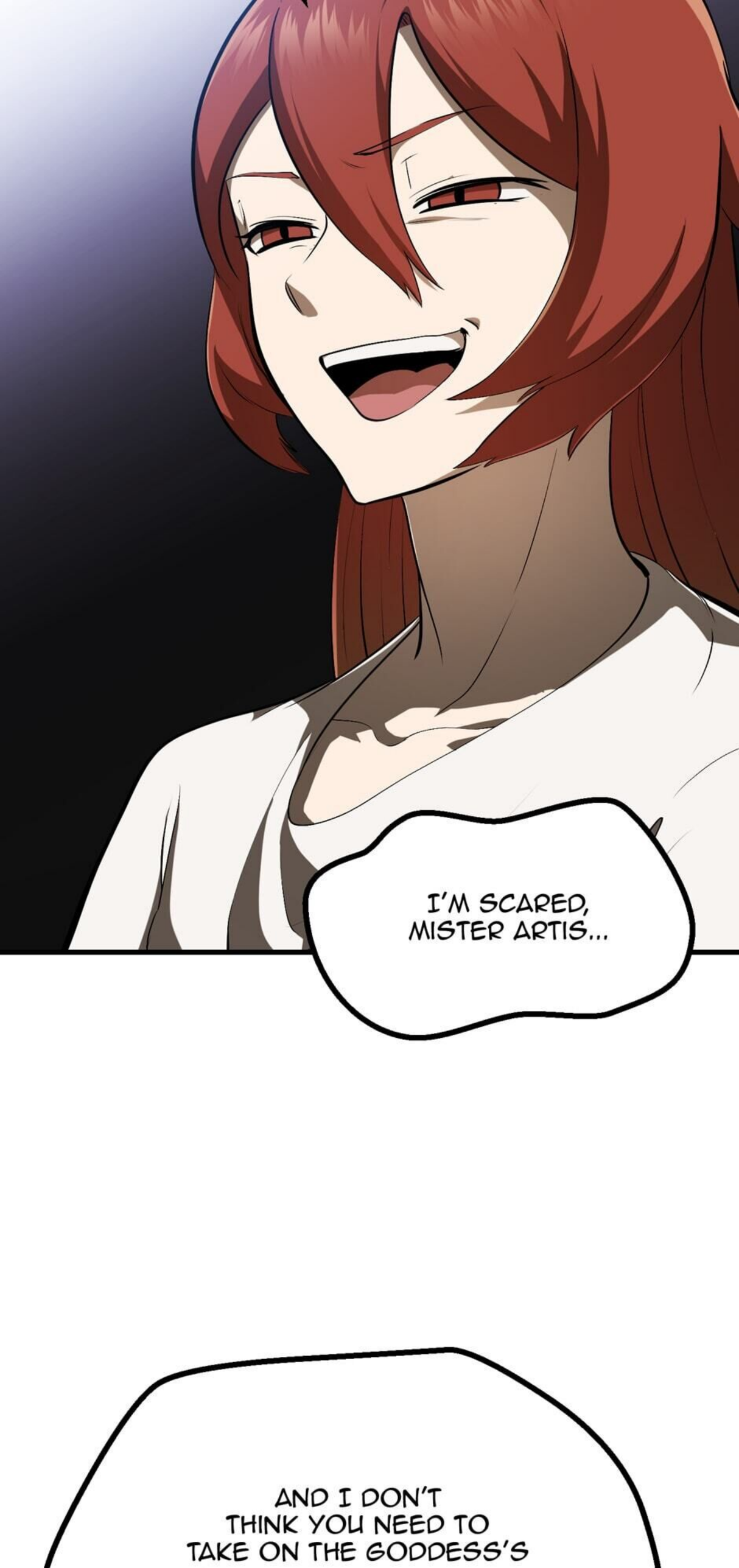

IT'S GETTING LATE.
I'M SURE YOU'RE VERY TIRED.
I'LL SEE IF THEY CAN OPEN UP AN OLD INN FOR YOU.

YOU CAN DECIDE
IF YOU'LL BE GOING BACK TO
THE KINGDOM TOMORROW.

AARGH!!
FWAA

FWAA
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?! SHE'S SO OBNOXIOUS!
DON'T BE SO HARSH, EPHYR.

WHAT I DID EARLIER... WAS A MISTAKE.
YOU WERE FURIOUS AT HER TOO!
KIBIER'S MISSION CAN DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF ALL LATNA... I'M SURE SHE'S IN A HURRY.


I'M SCARED, MISTER ARTIS...
AND I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO TAKE ON THE GODDESS'S

MISSION AT THE COST OF BEING INSULTED LIKE THAT...
WELL...

I DIDN'T QUITE FEEL INSULTED,
BUT IT DIDN'T FEEL GOOD EITHER, THAT'S FOR SURE.
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...

IT FEELS LIKE WHEN MY FOUR-YEAR-OLD COUSIN ASKED ME, 'WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, UNCLE?'

THAT'S... PRETTY SPECIFIC...

YOUR COUSIN NAILED IT!

WANNA DIE?!

HAHAHA!

SEE? HE'S GETTING MAD BECAUSE I'M RIGHT! OUCH! MISTER ARTIS~

DON'T HIT HIM WHERE IT HURTS.

ET TU, ARTIS...?

GIGGLE

GIGGLE

RAONDEL ATLANSAS.

FLINCH

AHEM! THE WALLS ARE SO THIN HERE...

Y-YEAH, WHAT IS IT?

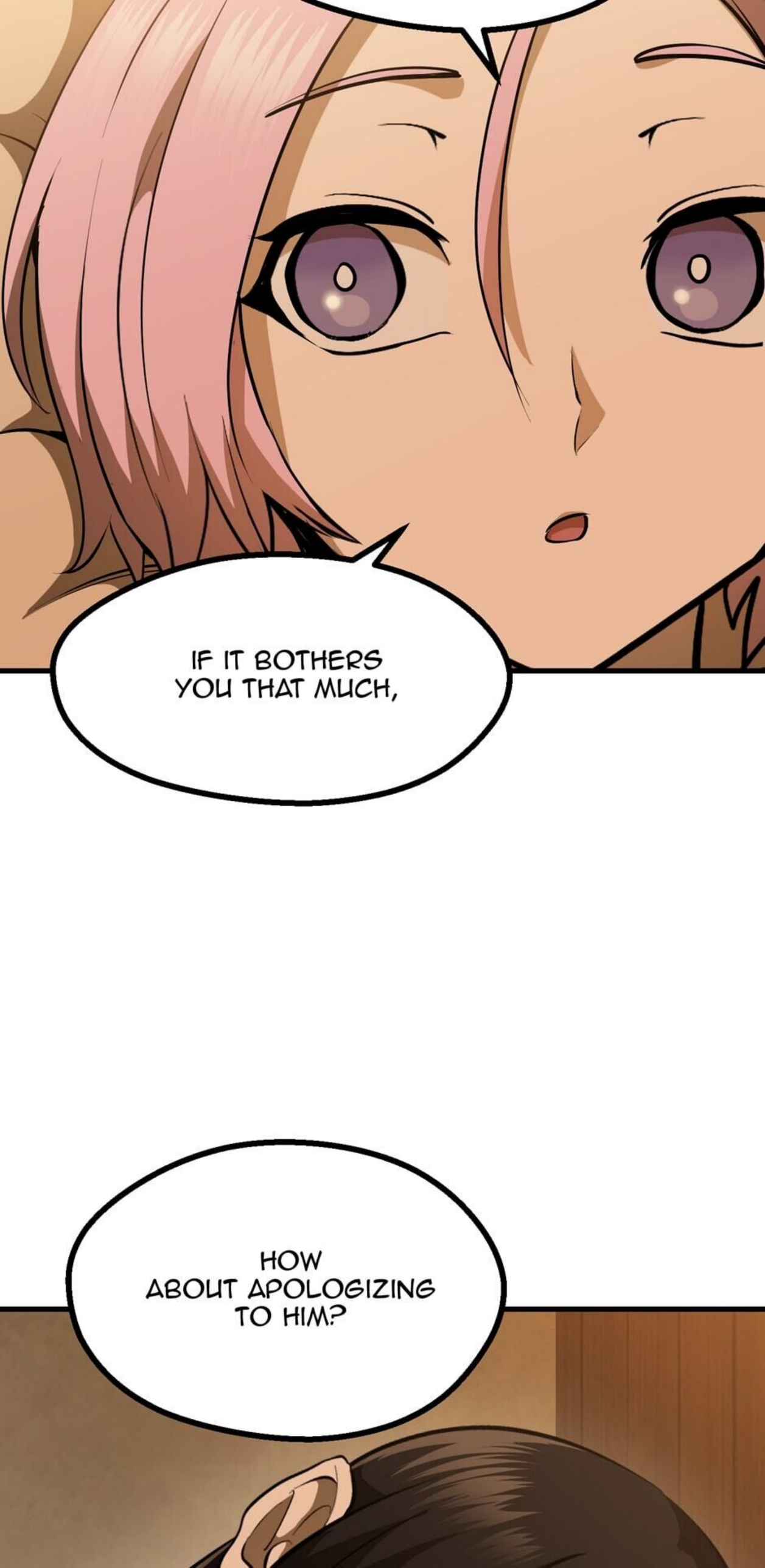
I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...
ME, KIBIER? I'M GLAD YOU'RE WARMING UP TO ME FINALLY.

DID I CAUSE THEM TO BE ANGRY AT ME?
I'M NOT SO CERTAIN, BUT... ABOUT DOING SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T LIKE... I GUESS YOU DID.
DOES THAT MEAN IT'LL DISCOURAGE THEM FROM CARRYING OUT THIS MISSION TOGETHER?

HMM...
I DON'T THINK SO.

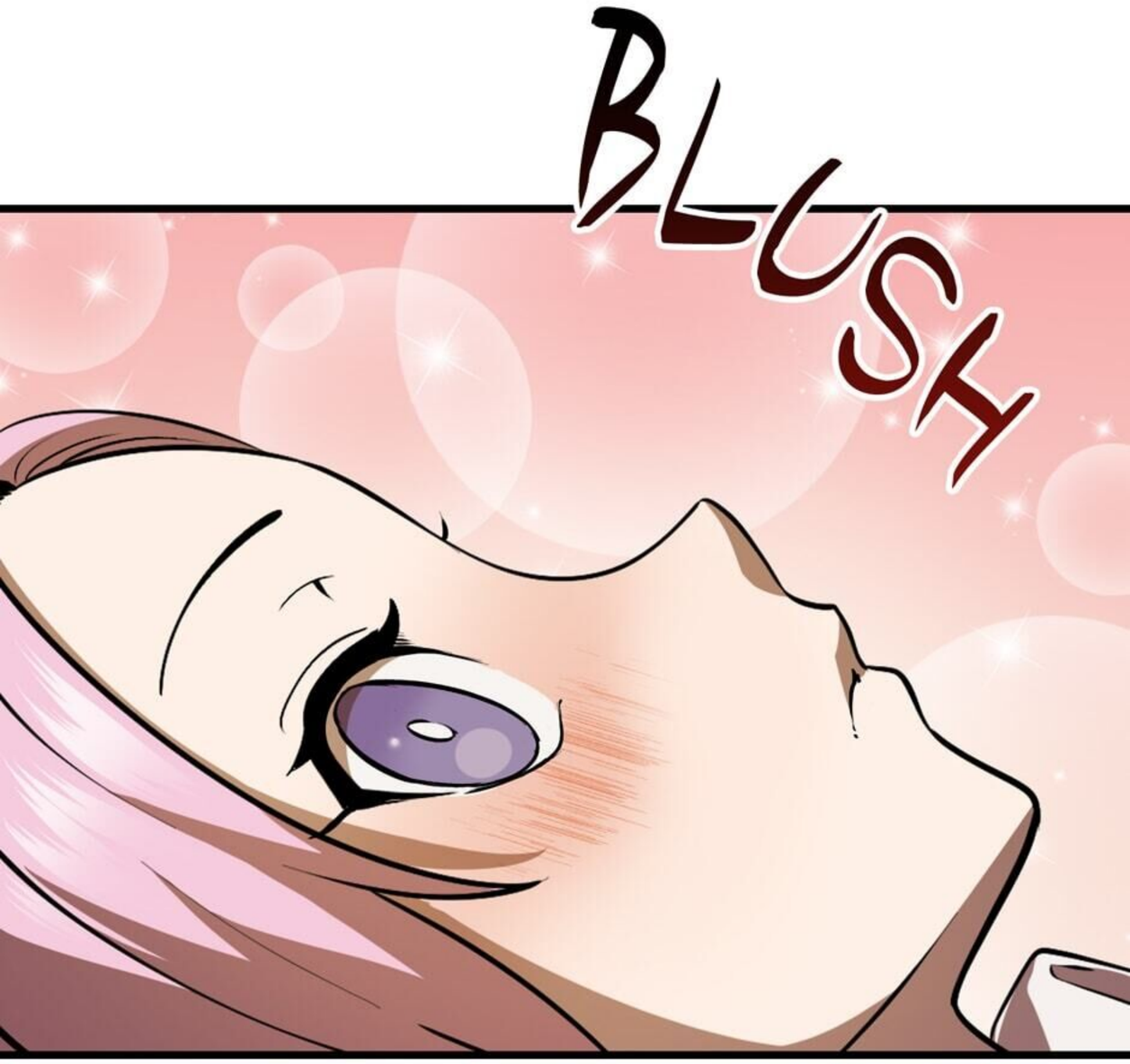
THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND THAT I'M A HALF-ELF,

AND THAT VALTARAN SEEMS TO BE A PRETTY DECENT GUY IN PARTICULAR...
O-OF COURSE, HE'S PETTY COMPARED TO THE SCALE OF MY GENEROSITY, BUT...


IF IT BOTHERS YOU THAT MUCH,
HOW ABOUT APOLOGIZING TO HIM?

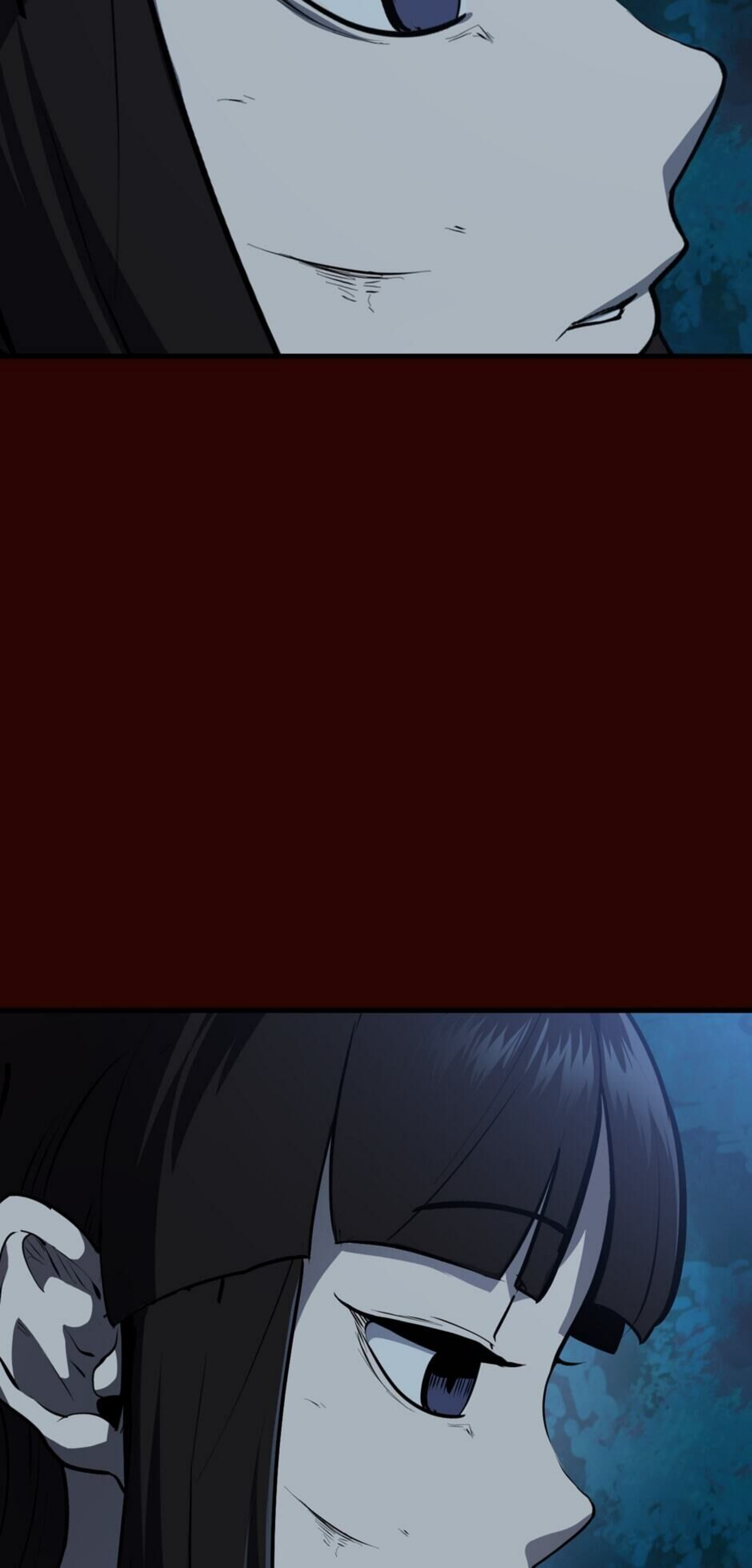
APOLOGIZE...?
THANK YOU,

RAONDEL.

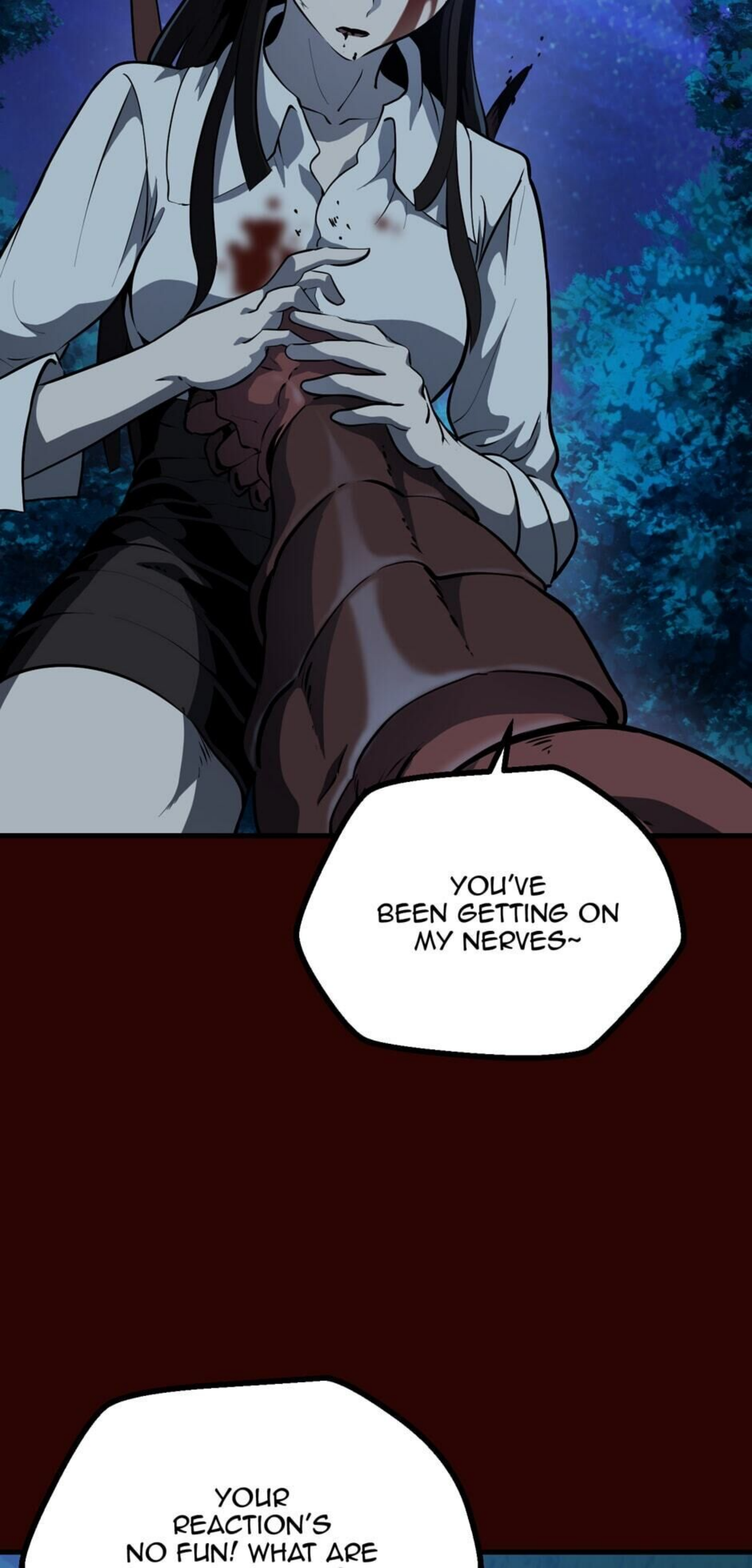


F-FOR WHAT?

WE'LL FIGURE OUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS TOMORROW!
FWICK
YES.



EXPERIENCING CONFUSION FROM CONCUSSION...
I WAS JUST CHASING A MONSTER...


YOU'VE BEEN GETTING ON MY NERVES~
YOUR REACTION'S NO FUN! WHAT ARE

YOU, A DOLL?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO EXPOSED THAT I'VE BEEN HIDING MY BABIES, RIGHT?

BABIES...?
THAT MEANS...
WHY IS A
MONSTER LIKE
YOU HERE...?

BECAUSE I'M FREE.

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RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE